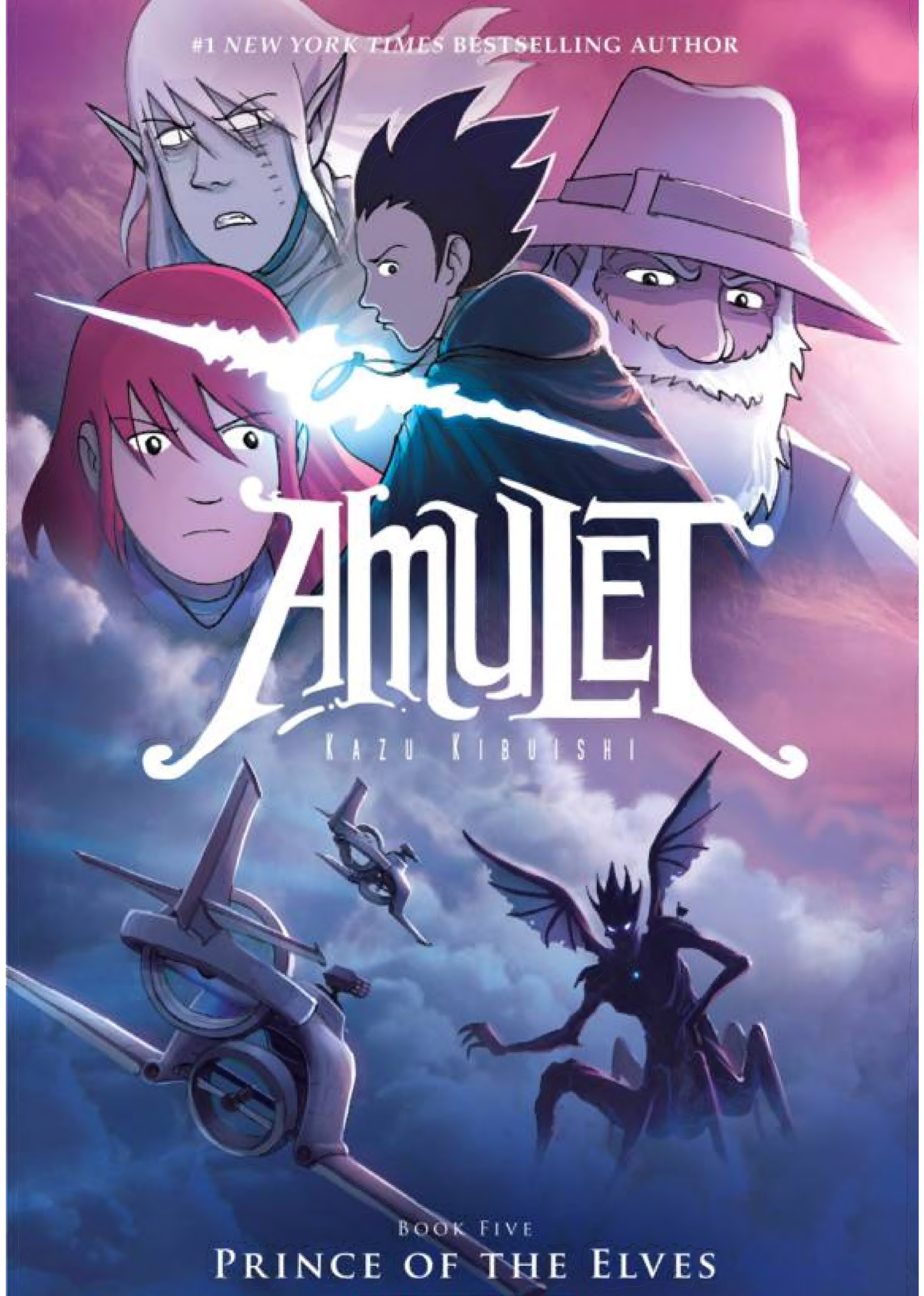


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--FOR EVERYONE ELSE.



I TAKE IT
MAX PERFORMED
WELL DURING
HIS TESTS.

HE PASSED
WITH FLYING
COLORS.



MAX AND
VIGO ARE THE
BEST IN THEIR
CLASS, BY A
WIDE MARGIN.



PAT!



ROY, I HOPE
YOU'LL CONSIDER
LETTING MAX SERVE
ON THE GUARDIAN
COUNCIL.

I DON'T OFTEN
SEE YOUNG
STONEKEEPERS
WITH HIS LEVEL
OF SKILL.







HOW CAN YOU PUT HER FAMILY IN PRISON?!!



I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, MAX.

BUT THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!



THEY'RE ELVES, MAX!

FOR ALL WE KNOW, THEY CAN BE SPIES FOR THE ELF KING!



THEY'RE NOT SPIES!!



TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST WITH YOU,

HER FAMILY IS MUCH SAFER--

-- INSIDE
YARBORO
PRISON.





























MAX GRIFFIN,

YOU HAVE BEEN
SENTENCED TO FIFTY
YEARS IN THE ICE PRISON
OF KORTHAN FOR AIDING
IN THE ESCAPE OF
WAR PRISONERS.

YOU WILL ALSO
FACE TRIAL IN PRISON
FOR YOUR ACTIONS
LEADING TO THE DEATHS
OF FOUR SOLDIERS.

BEFORE WE
SEND YOU OFF, DO
YOU HAVE ANY LAST
WORDS?

YOU WILL
ALL REGRET
THIS.









DO YOU HEAR
IT, MAX?

THE SOUND
FLOODING YOUR
EARS...



HUF HUF HUF HUF



THAT
IS THE SOUND
OF YOUR DEATH
APPROACHING.



HOW TRAGIC
THAT YOU HAVE SO
MUCH YOU STILL NEED
TO ACCOMPLISH.



WE CAN
HELP EACH
OTHER.

JUST GIVE
ME COMPLETE
CONTROL.



AND I CAN
KEEP YOU ALIVE
LONG ENOUGH TO
HAVE YOUR
REVENGE.



YOUR TIME
IS RUNNING
OUT, MAX.

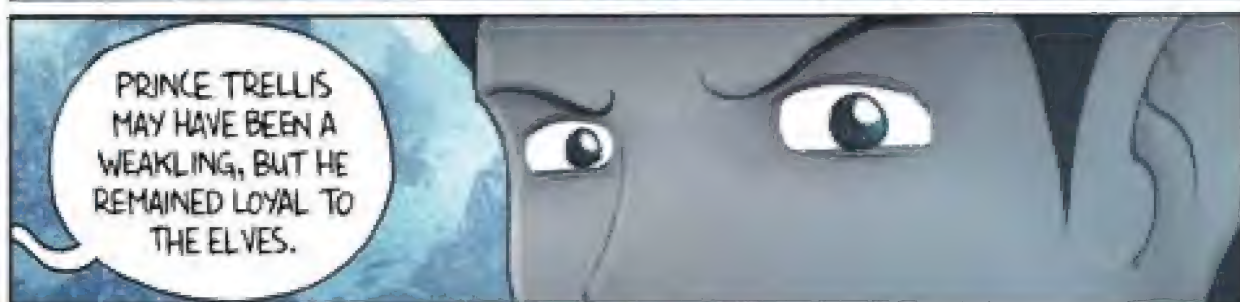


THE CHOICE
IS YOURS.































ORDERS,
SIR.

BEGIN
OUR MARCH BY
TAKING THE CITY
OF FRONTERA.

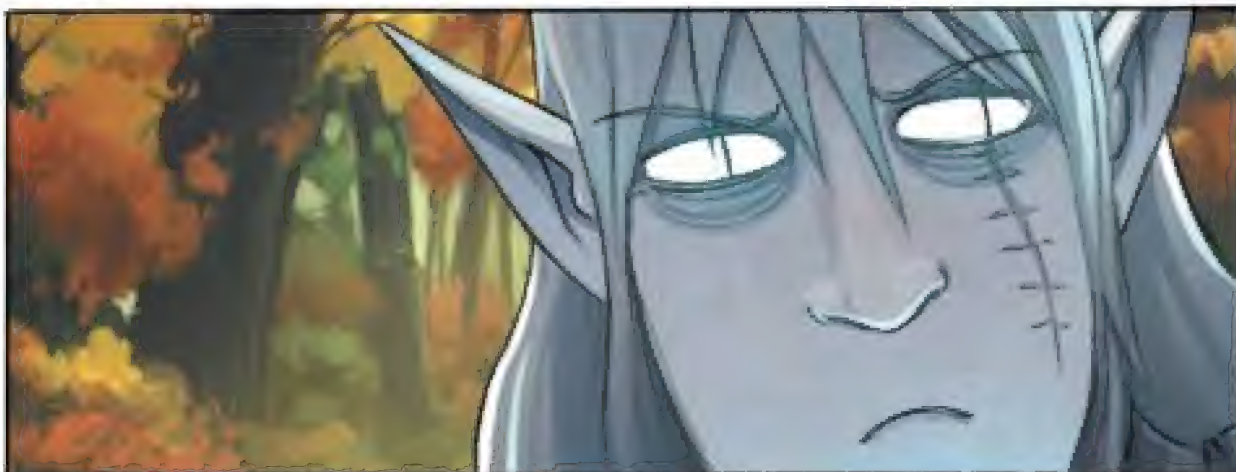
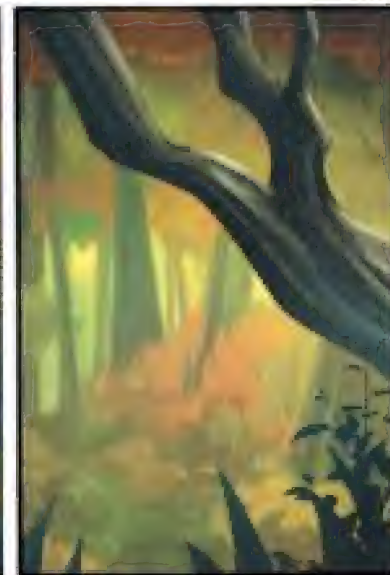
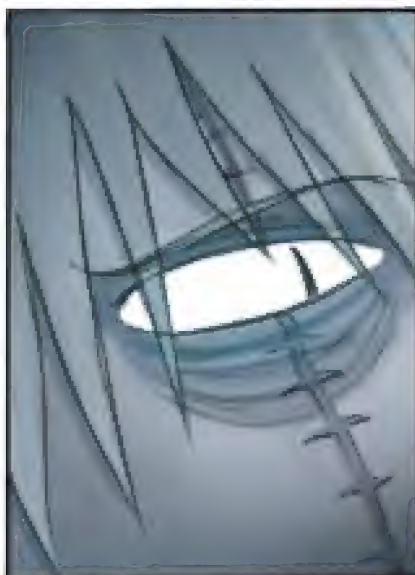
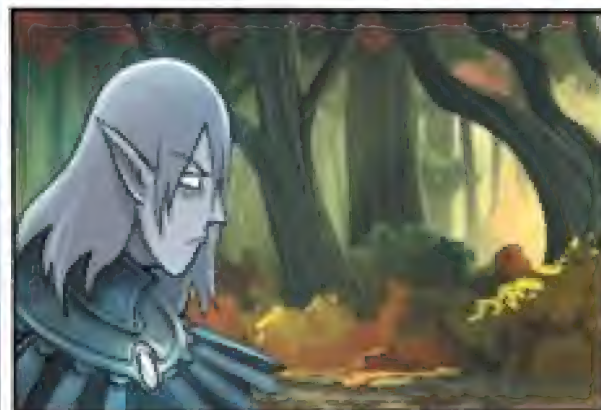
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SWIFTLY, WITHOUT
MERCY...

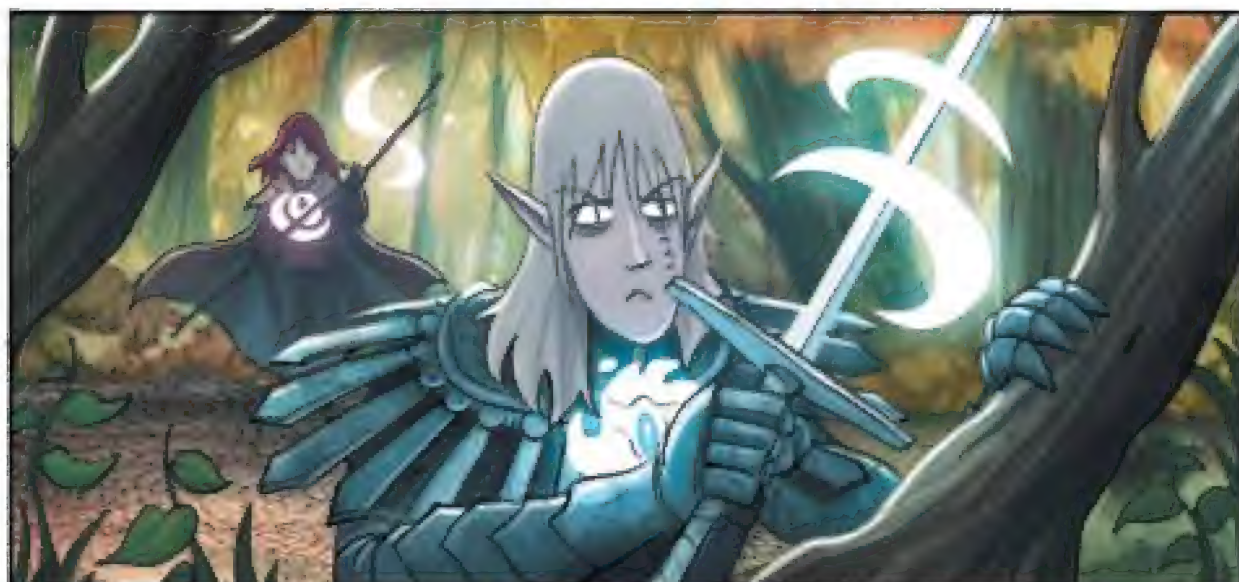


... AND LEAVE
NO SURVIVORS
BEHIND.





















I FOUND
SOMETHING
I THINK YOU
SHOULD SEE.



WHO ARE
THESE PEOPLE,
VIGO?

ARE THEY
GHOSTS?



NOT
QUITE.

THIS IS HOW THE
COUNCIL RECORDS
ITS MINUTES, AND
STONEKEEPERS
CAN ACCESS THE
ARCHIVES.

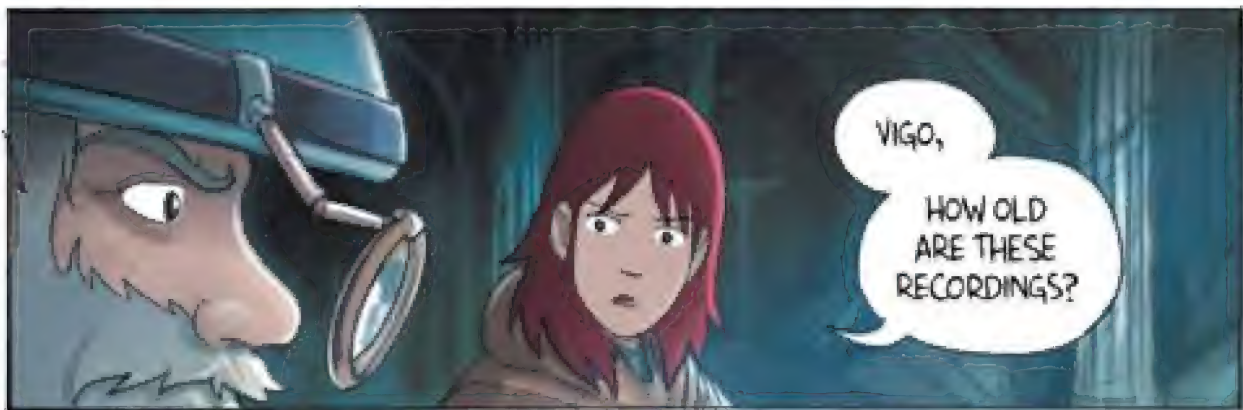


I'VE BEEN
HERE ALL NIGHT
VIEWING THE
COUNCIL'S FINAL
MEETINGS.

IT'S BEEN
INTERESTING
SEEING WHAT
TRANSPIRED
AFTER I LEFT.







VIGO,

HOW OLD
ARE THESE
RECORDINGS?



THE ONE
YOU'RE WATCHING
IS OVER FIFTY
YEARS OLD.



HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE?

THAT WOULD
MAKE MAX
OLDER THAN
MY MOM.



I HEARD
STONEKEEPERS
CAN TRAVEL BACK
IN TIME.

MAX MUST
HAVE DISCOVERED
HOW TO DO IT.



STONEKEEPERS
CANNOT TRAVEL
THROUGH TIME,

BUT THEY
CAN ENTER
THE VOID.



THE VOID IS A
DREAMSPACE BUILT
OF STONEKEEPER
MEMORIES.



IT IS A PLACE
WHERE STONEKEEPERS
CAN GO TO EXAMINE
THEIR PAST AND EVEN
COMMUNICATE WITH
ONE ANOTHER.



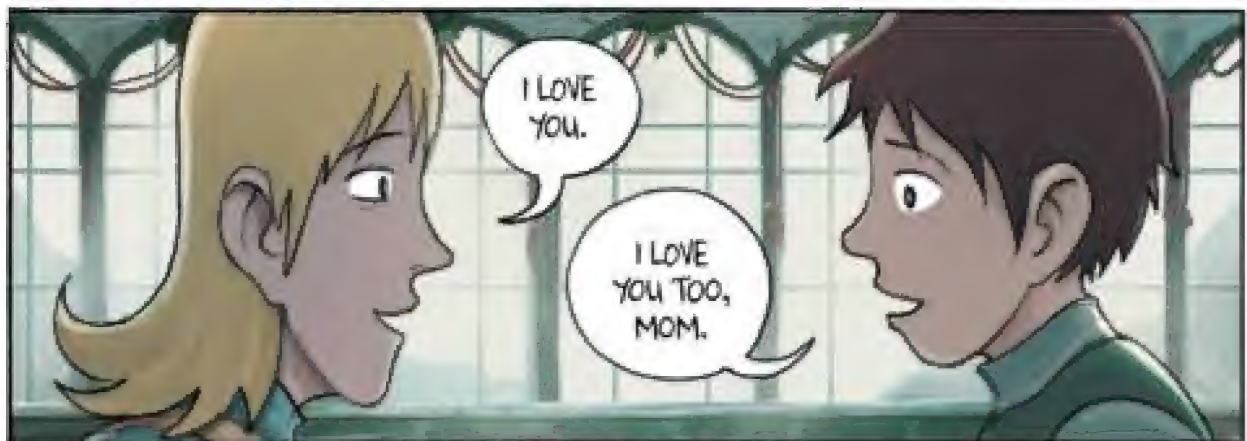
SILAS CHARNON
ESPOUSED THE IDEA THAT
THE VOID WAS REAL, AND
IT COULD ALLOW YOU
TO ALTER REALITY.

BUT HIS BELIEF WAS
SHADOWED BY A DESIRE TO
CHANGE THE EVENTS
OF HIS PAST.













CIELIS WAS
KNOWN TO HAVE THE
BEST ROBOT PILOTS
IN ALLEDIA.

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM?



THEY WERE
EXECUTED!

WHEN THE ELVES
TOOK OVER THE GUARD,
ALL OUR PILOTS WERE
TOSSED OVER THE EDGE
OF THE CITY.

DARK
TIMES!

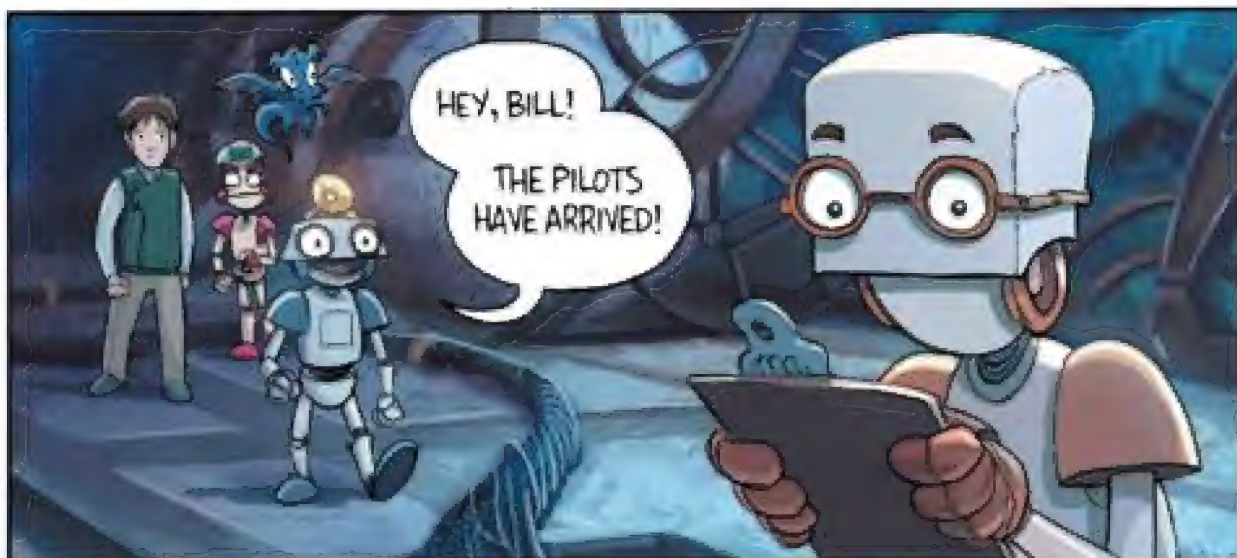


THE ELVES EVEN
TRIED TO DISMANTLE
THE COLOSSUS PROGRAM,
BUT WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE A
FEW UNITS BY SMUGGLING
PARTS DOWN INTO
THE MINES.

WE'VE BEEN
REBUILDING
EVER SINCE.











YOU WANT TO
HEAR SOMETHING
FUNNY, COGSLEY?

I MAY STILL
BE PRETTY
YOUNG,

AND I KNOW
THERE'S A LOT
LEFT FOR ME
TO LEARN...



BUT I THINK
THIS IS IT.

I THINK
THIS IS WHAT
I WAS MEANT
TO DO WITH
MY LIFE.



THAT WASN'T
FUNNY AT ALL.



BY THE
WAY,
DID YOU
NOTICE
THIS?



WE HAVE
A THIRD
SEAT.







HEY.

THAT'S MY
SISTER.



YOUR SISTER
AND VIGO LIGHT
ARE WHAT REMAINS
OF THE GUARDIAN
COUNCIL.



SHE WILL NEED
TO GUIDE US ALL
INTO BATTLE.

IT'S A HEAVY
BURDEN FOR
SOMEONE HER
AGE.



OUR JOB WILL
BE TO PROVIDE HER
WITH SUPPORT FROM
THE CIELIS GUARD.

IS THIS
THE YOUNG
COMMANDER?



NAVIN, THIS IS
MY DAD, CAPTAIN
TRISTAN HUNTER.

NICE TO
MEET YOU,
SON.



I HEARD
YOU HAD SOME
EXPERIENCE OUT
IN THE FIELD.

WE'RE GOING
TO NEED EVERY
OUNCE OF IT
HERE.



I'M READY TO
HELP IN ANY
WAY I CAN.



THE CITY OF
FRONTERA...

... IT'S GONE.
THEY LEFT NOTHING
BEHIND.

AND IT APPEARS
MAX IS LEADING
THEM.



THEIR NEXT
MOVE WILL BE TO
TAKE THE CITY
OF LUCIEN.

LUCIEN'S ARMY
IS FORMIDABLE,
BUT THEY WILL BE
OVERCOME.



IT WILL SIMPLY
BE A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE THEY
FALL.

THEN WE
NEED TO SHOW
THEM THAT THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL
HAS RETURNED.



BUT YOU'VE
SEEN THE STATE
OF THINGS HERE.

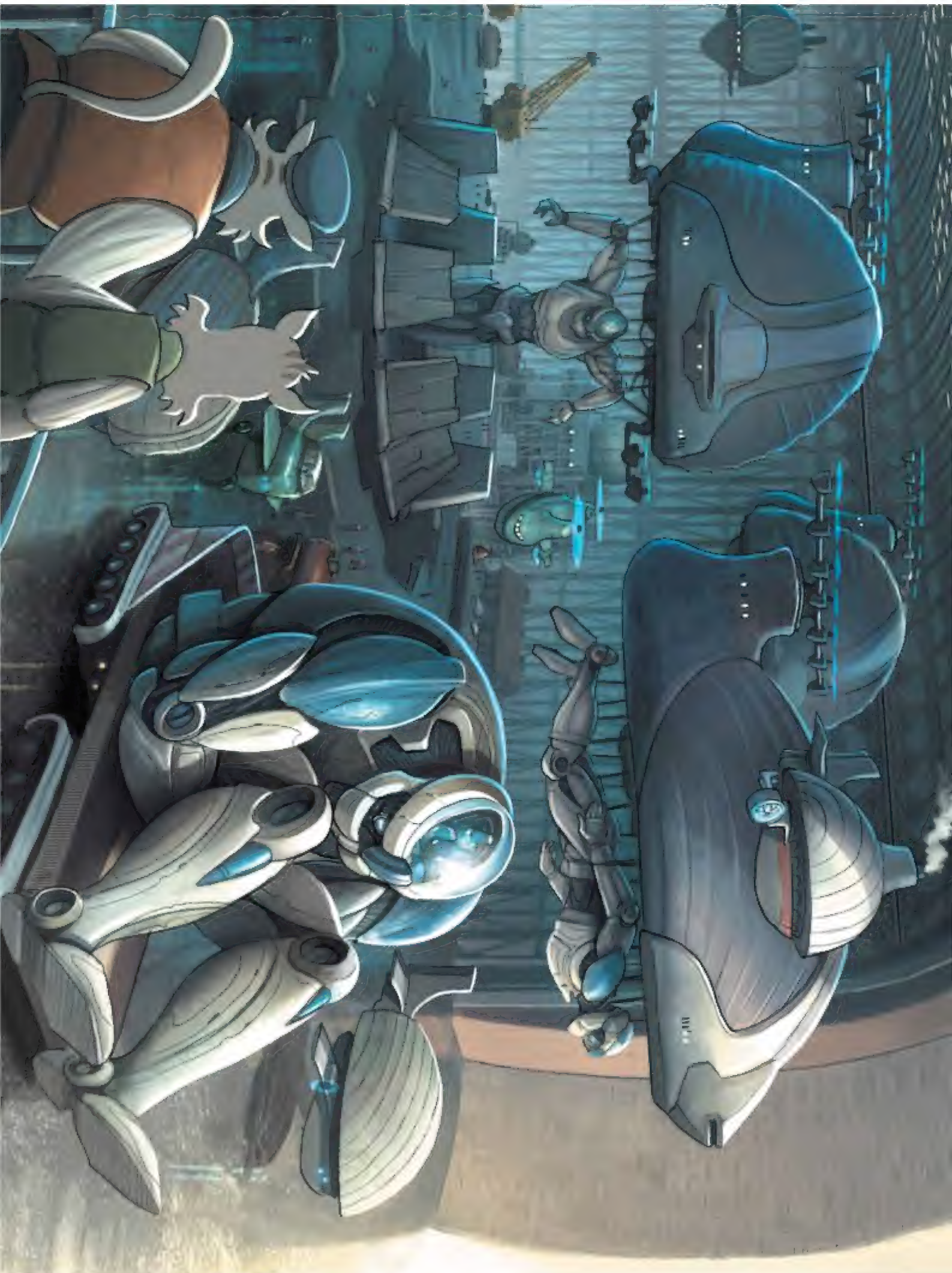
WE ARE NOT
READY.



WE'LL NEVER
BE READY.

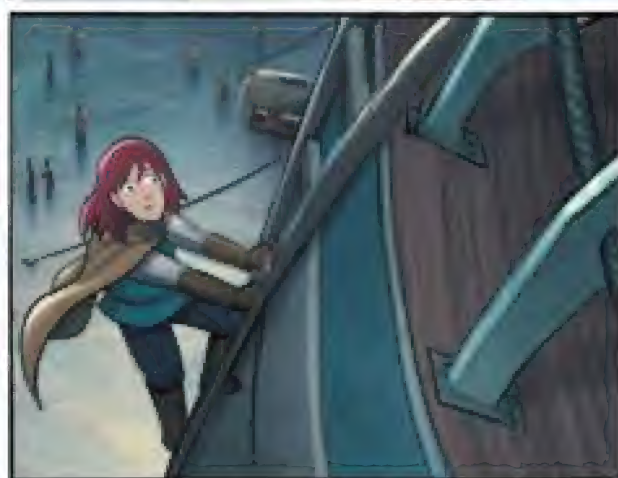
AND IF WE
CHOOSE TO WAIT,
WE'LL MISS OUR
CHANCE TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.





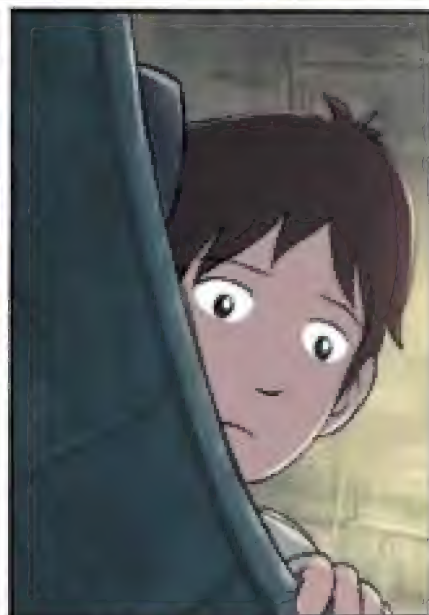
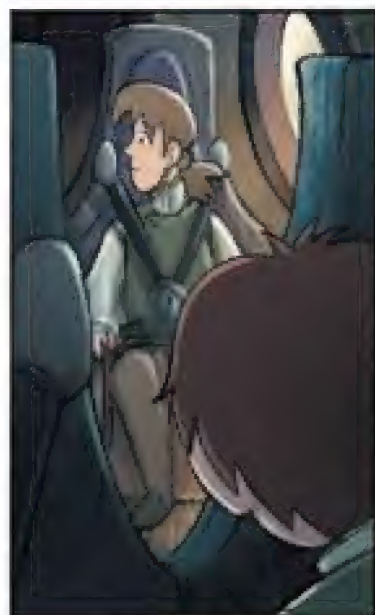


















TRELLIS,
AT LEAST LET
THE OTHERS
KNOW.

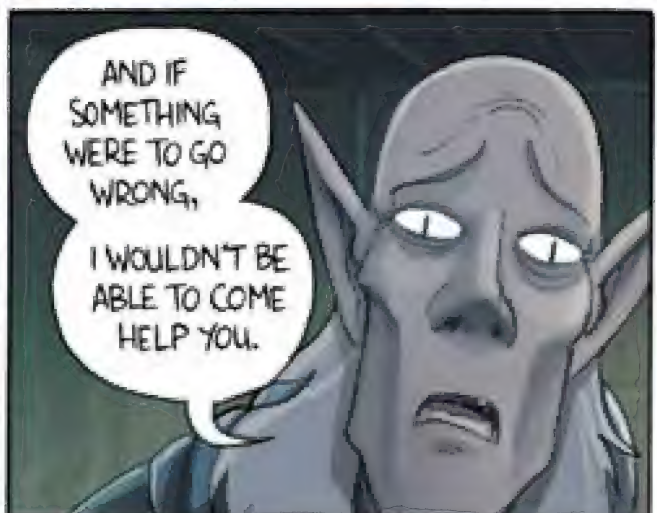
I REALLY
FEEL THAT
YOU SHOULDN'T
DO THIS.

AND
WHY NOT,
BROTHER?



DO YOU NOT
WANT TO FIX
OUR PAST?

WE NEED TO
UNDERSTAND IT
BEFORE WE CAN
REPAIR IT.



AND IF
SOMETHING
WERE TO GO
WRONG,

I WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO COME
HELP YOU.



HAS YOUR DAD
ALWAYS PUT SO
MUCH TRUST
IN YOU?

YEAH.

I GUESS
HE HAS.



IT MUST BE
NICE TO HAVE
YOUR DAD
CLOSE BY.



HE MAKES
ME FEEL MORE
CONFIDENT.



HE ALWAYS TOLD
ME TO IMAGINE THE
KIND OF PERSON I
THOUGHT OF AS
A HERO --

-- AND
BE THAT
PERSON.



I THINK I
WANT TO BE
LIKE YOUR
DAD.






YOU'RE
STILL WAITING
FOR A GAME?




THE GAME
HAS ALREADY
BEGUN.






I'M JUST
WAITING FOR
MY OPPONENT TO
MAKE A MOVE.




I CAME HERE
TO ASK YOU
ABOUT MAX.

WHO IS HE
WORKING FOR,
AND WHY?




THE ELF KING IS
A VERY PERSUASIVE
INDIVIDUAL.

HIS ABILITY TO
INFLUENCE OTHERS
IS HIS GREATEST
WEAPON AGAINST
US.



THE ELF KING
MUST HAVE MADE
MAX AN OFFER HE
JUST COULDN'T
REFUSE.



BUT TRELLIS
SAID THAT THE
KING WAS
DEAD.

I THINK MAX
AND THE KING
ARE UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF
SOMEBODY -- OR
SOMETHING --
ELSE.

HMM...

YOU SUSPECT
THAT THEY ARE
BEING CONTROLLED
BY THEIR STONES.

YES.

I NEED YOU TO
FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THEM.

YOU'RE A
VERY SMART
STONEKEEPER,
EMILY.

I HAVE NO DOUBT
THAT YOU WILL FIND
THE ANSWERS YOU
SEEK WITHOUT HELP
FROM ME.



DOES MAX'S
STONE HAVE
A VOICE?

GOOD LUCK,
YOUNG
MASTER.




WAIT!













NOT LIKE
I HAVE.

I WAS A
FATHER AND
A HUSBAND
ONCE.



MY WIFE, MIRIAM, PASSED AWAY
WHEN DAVID, MY SON, WAS TEN
YEARS OLD AND I WAS LEFT TO
RAISE HIM ON MY OWN.



I EVENTUALLY PASSED
MY STONE'S POWER TO DAVID
AND BEGAN TRAINING HIM FOR
THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

HE GREW TO BECOME
MY BRIGHTEST STUDENT.

BUT UNDER THE SURFACE,
DAVID WANTED TO BE WITH
HIS MOTHER AGAIN MORE
THAN ANYTHING.



THIS WAS AROUND THE TIME
SILAS BEGAN LECTURING ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITIES OF TIME
TRAVEL USING THE STONES.

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED
THAT DAVID WAS BECOMING
MORE INTERESTED IN THE IDEA
THAN THE OTHER STUDENTS.

HE SAW IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO CORRECT WHAT HE FELT WAS A
MISTAKE -- HE WANTED TO BRING
HIS MOTHER BACK.

USING HIS POWERS, DAVID
ATTEMPTED TO TRAVEL BACK
TO SAVE HIS MOTHER.

BUT HE ONLY WENT
INTO A DEEP SLEEP, AND
DID NOT WAKE FOR DAYS.

I SAT AT HIS BEDSIDE
WHILE HE SPOKE TO
SOMEONE IN HIS
SLEEP.

WHEN HE FINALLY
OPENED HIS EYES, HE
LOOKED TERRIFIED.

THEN HE
WAS GONE.













DAD!!
THE OTHER
FRIGATE!

LOOK AWAY,
ALY!
I NEED YOU AND
NAVIN TO REMAIN
FOCUSED!

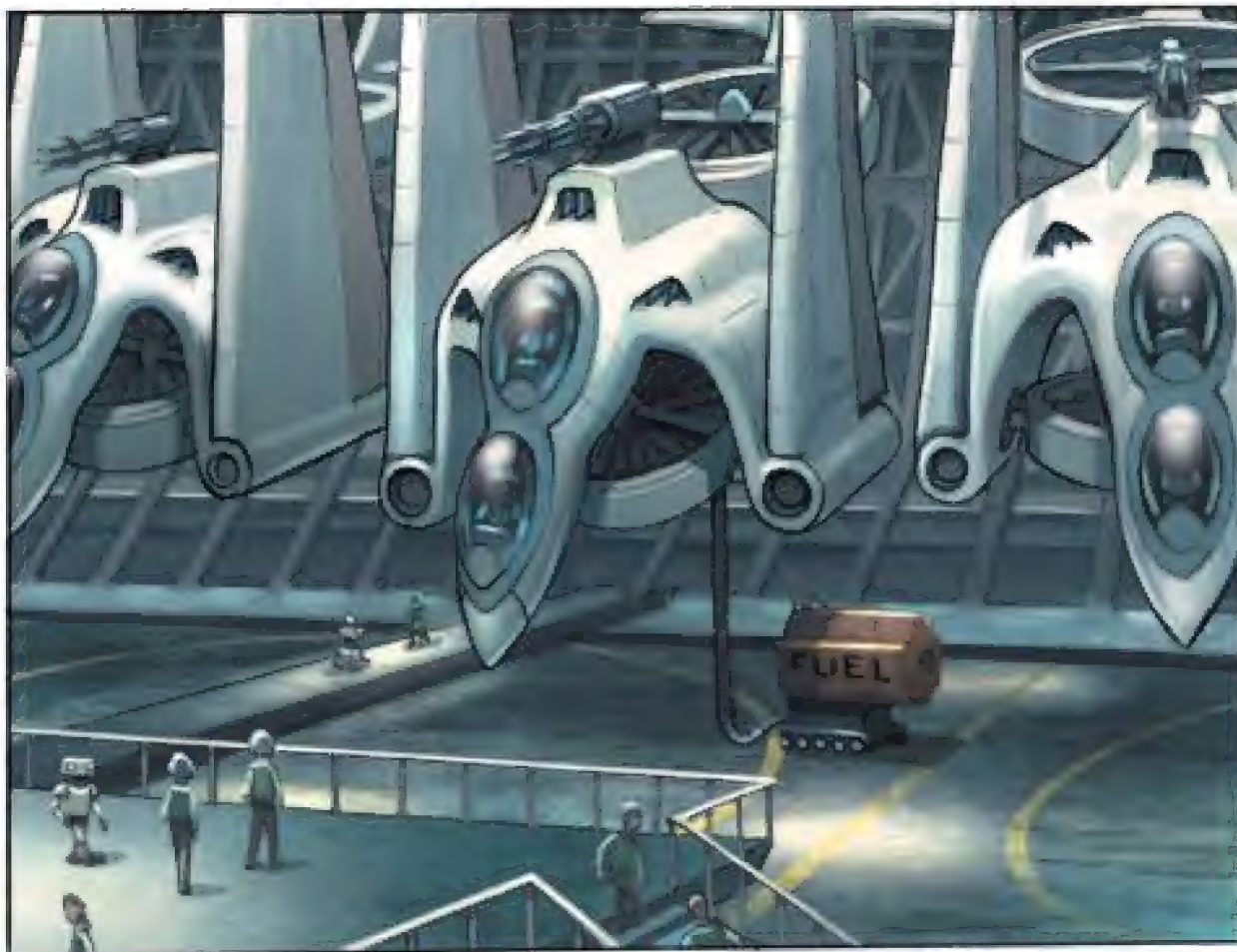


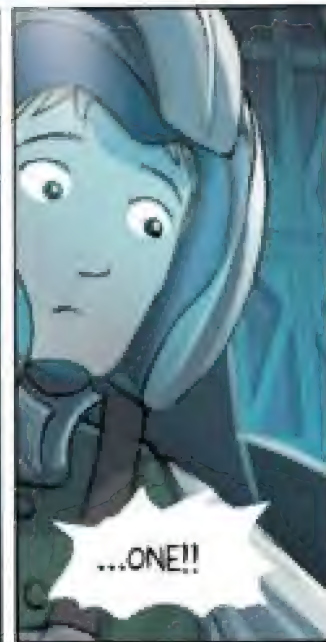
IF WE DON'T
GET FIGHTERS OUT
THERE NOW, THIS
SHIP IS GOING TO
GO DOWN, TOO!



BE STRONG
AND FLY SAFE,
ALY!
I NEED TO
STAY AND HELP
THE OTHERS.









NAVIN,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

DEPLOY
THE WINGS!!

fwwoomp!

NOT
YET.









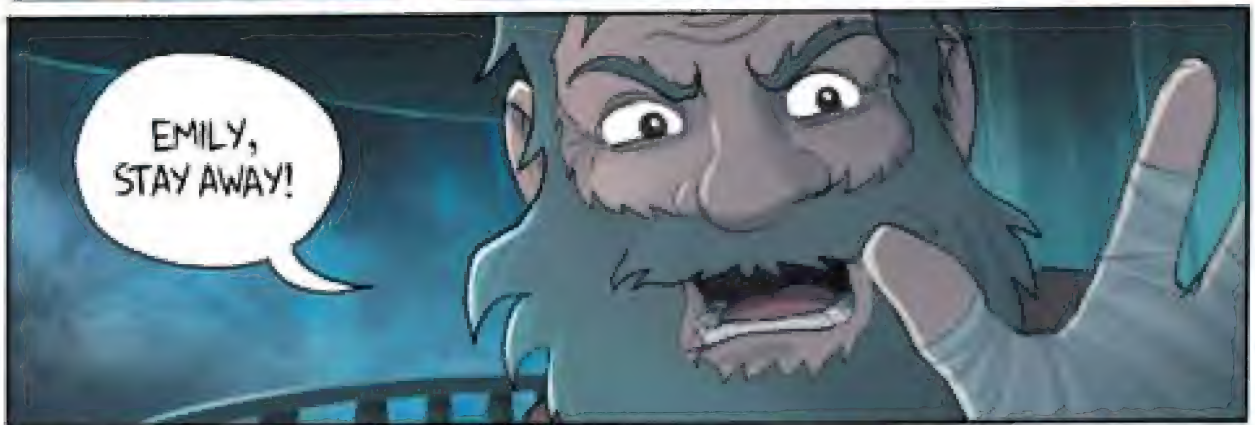














ALL OF MY
TARGETS IN
ONE PLACE.

WHAT KIND
OF STRATEGY
IS THIS?!

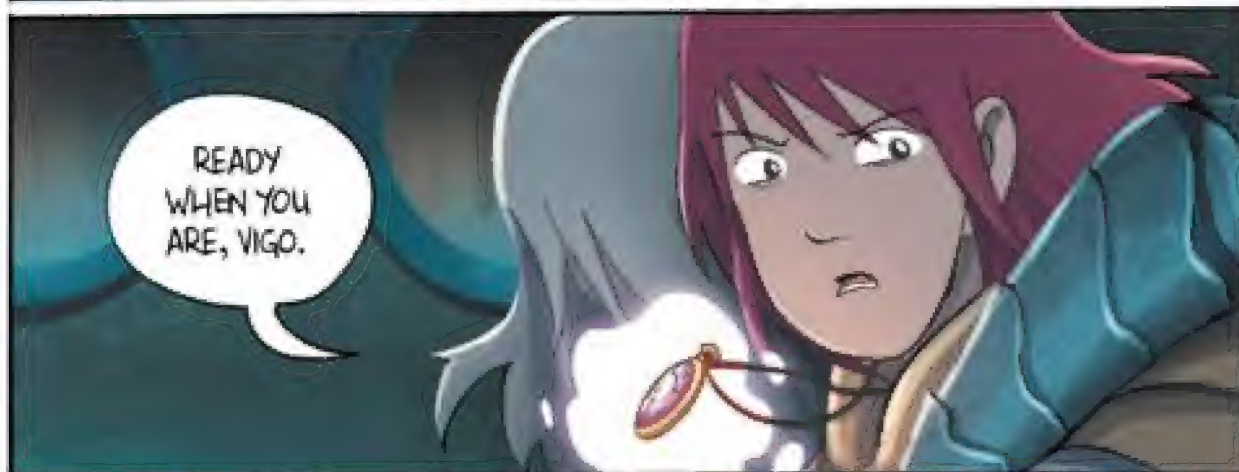


I HONESTLY
EXPECTED MORE
FROM THE BOTH
OF YOU.



HE CAN'T
TAKE US BOTH
DOWN AT ONCE.

HE WILL
HAVE TO
CHOOSE.



READY
WHEN YOU
ARE, VIGO.



























HERE,
TRY THIS
ON.



MY FATHER'S
ROBE.

HE WAS THE
VILLAGE HEALER,
A DOCTOR.



WOULD YOU
LIKE TO HEAR A
FUNNY STORY
ABOUT HIM?



NO,
THANKS.

I SHOULD REALLY
BE GOING.



BUT WHERE
ARE YOU GOING
TO GO?









STAY AWAY
FROM UNCLE
VIRGIL.



FATHER WILL
DEAL WITH HIM
LATER.



DON'T MIND
MY NEPHEW
LUGER.

HE'S UNDER A
LOT OF PRESSURE
NOW THAT HIS
FATHER IS THE
KING.



WHY ARE
YOU HELPING
ME?



SOMETHING
TELLS ME THAT
IT'S MY DUTY
TO HELP.



AND UNLIKE
MANY OF THE ELVES
ON THIS ISLAND,

I HAVE A VERY
GOOD SENSE OF
WHO I NEED
TO TRUST.







THIS LIBRARY
WAS BUILT TO HONOR
THAT TRADITION.

THE BOOKS
CONTAINED WITHIN
THESE WALLS DOCUMENT
THE MANY LIVES WHO HAVE
DEDICATED THEMSELVES
TO FURTHERING THE
ADVANCEMENT OF
ELFKIND.

IT IS HOW
WE HAVE PROGRESSED
FASTER THAN ALL
OTHER SETTLERS ON
ALLEDIAN SOIL.



IT'S MOST
UNFORTUNATE
FOR THIS CURRENT
GENERATION THAT
MY BROTHER IS NOT
AN AVID READER
OF HISTORY.

IF HE WAS,
HE WOULD SEE
ALL THE WARNING
SIGNS.

WARNING
SIGNS?



HISTORY HAS
A TENDENCY TO
REPEAT ITSELF.



CAN I GET
ANYTHING FOR
YOU, MASTER
VIRGIL?

THANK YOU,
LOGI.



BUT WE'D
RATHER BE LEFT
TO OURSELVES.

YES, OF
COURSE.





I'VE BEEN VERY CONCERNED WITH THE DIRECTION THIS WAR IS HEADED.

WITH JUST A QUICK GLANCE AT OUR HISTORY, I BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND WHY.



I RECENTLY FOUND SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING IN A BOOK ABOUT OUR PAST KINGS.



AH, GOOD. IT'S STILL HERE.



LEVITAS. THE FOURTH KING.

HE BECAME AN
ENDURING HISTORICAL
FIGURE FOR TWO REASONS.

THE FIRST WAS
HIS PENCHANT FOR
CONFLICT THAT SENT US
INTO A CIVIL WAR.

HIS RULE MARKS
THE DEADLIEST
PERIOD IN ELF
HISTORY.

THE SECOND WAS
THAT MANY PEOPLE
CLAIMED HE WAS
POSSESSED BY
HIS STONE.

THEY SAY
HE SPOKE
TO IT.

DO STONES
NOT HAVE
VOICES?

THE STONE IS A
MEDIUM, NOT A
MESSENGER.


LET ME
SHOW YOU
SOMETHING.

OH, GOOD.

I HID THIS
ONE WELL.


I SEARCHED
EVERY WING IN
THIS LIBRARY FOR
ANOTHER MENTION
OF THE VOICE, AND I
CAME UP EMPTY...

...UNTIL I
FOUND THIS
BOOK.




THE AUTHOR IS HUMAN,
AND HE BELIEVES THAT
THE STONE-SHARD AMULETS
WERE CREATED TO PROVIDE
THE STONEKEEPERS WITH
THREE THINGS:


POWER,
COMMUNICATION,
AND TRAVEL.




THE AMULET
GRANTS ITS KEEPER
THE ABILITY TO WIELD
THE KINETIC ENERGY
OF THE MOTHER
STONE.




BUT IT ALSO GRANTS
THEM THE ABILITY TO
COMMUNICATE AND TO
TRAVEL USING A PLANE OF
EXISTENCE PARALLEL
TO OUR OWN.




WHEN THEY
DO, STONEKEEPERS
MAY FIND THEMSELVES
UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF A DARK, GOVERNING
SPIRIT -- A "VOICE."



WHY DOES THIS
INTEREST YOU,
VIRGIL?



BECAUSE
MY BROTHER
SPEAKS TO HIS
STONE.



AND YOU
BELIEVE HE IS
SPEAKING TO THIS
DARK SPIRIT?

LOOK AT
THIS.



THE VOICE APPEARS
EVERY TIME THE ELVES
ENTER A TIME OF
WAR AND STRIFE.

THIS IS FOLLOWED
BY 500 YEARS OF
PEACE BEFORE THE
CYCLE BEGINS ANEW.



MY BROTHER
WAS BORN EXACTLY
500 YEARS FROM THE
DEATH OF KING
LEVITAS.

MAKE OF THAT
WHAT YOU WILL,
BUT I FIND THE
PATTERNS
ALARMING.



FLIP
FLIP
FLIP



VIRGIL--
WHERE
DID YOU GET
THIS?



IF THE KING
FINDS THIS BOOK
HE WILL HAVE YOU
EXECUTED!

WHY ARE
YOU TRUSTING
ME WITH THIS
INFORMATION?!



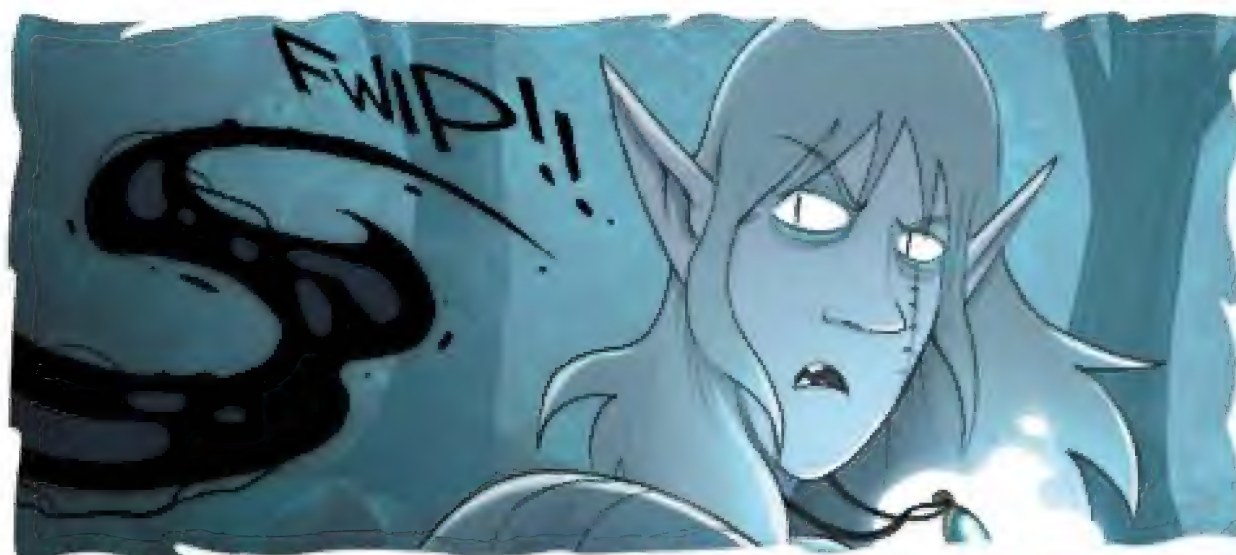


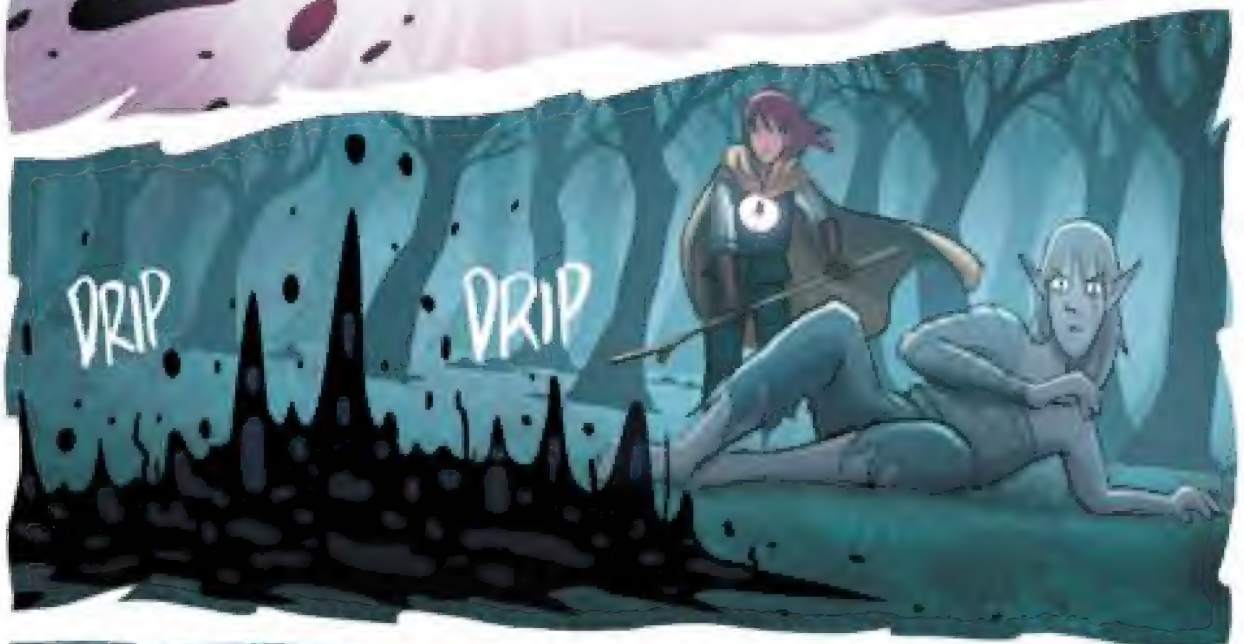


















YOU KNOW
I'M NOT A GOOD
STONEKEEPER,
EMILY.



THAT'S NOT
TRUE!

YOU JUST
NEED TO HAVE
CONFIDENCE!



YOU MIGHT
NOT FIGHT LIKE
I DO,

BUT YOU ARE
BETTER THAN I AM AT
USING YOUR POWER
TO HELP OTHERS.



AND WE
NEED YOUR
HELP.

NOW MORE
THAN EVER.







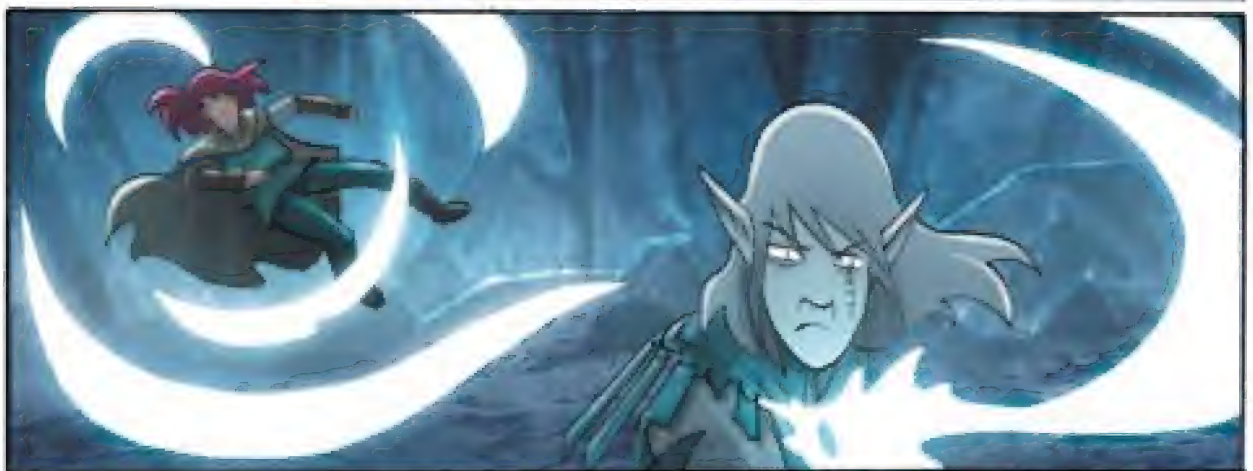










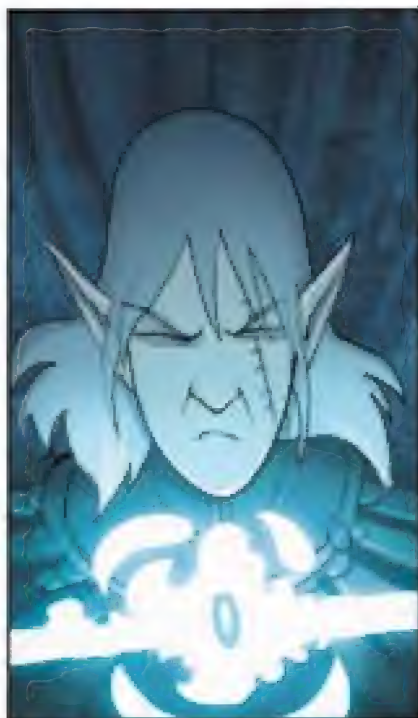






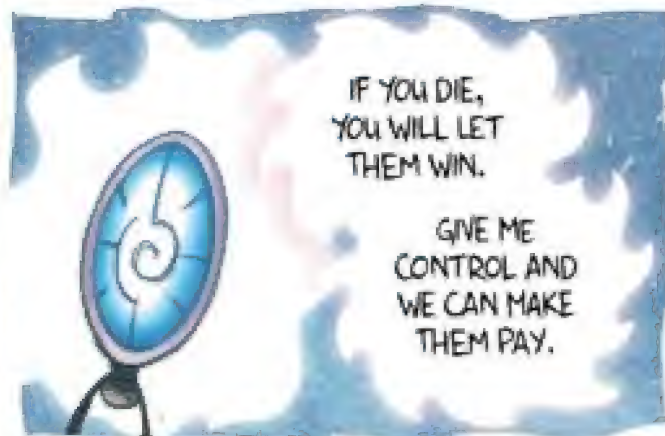








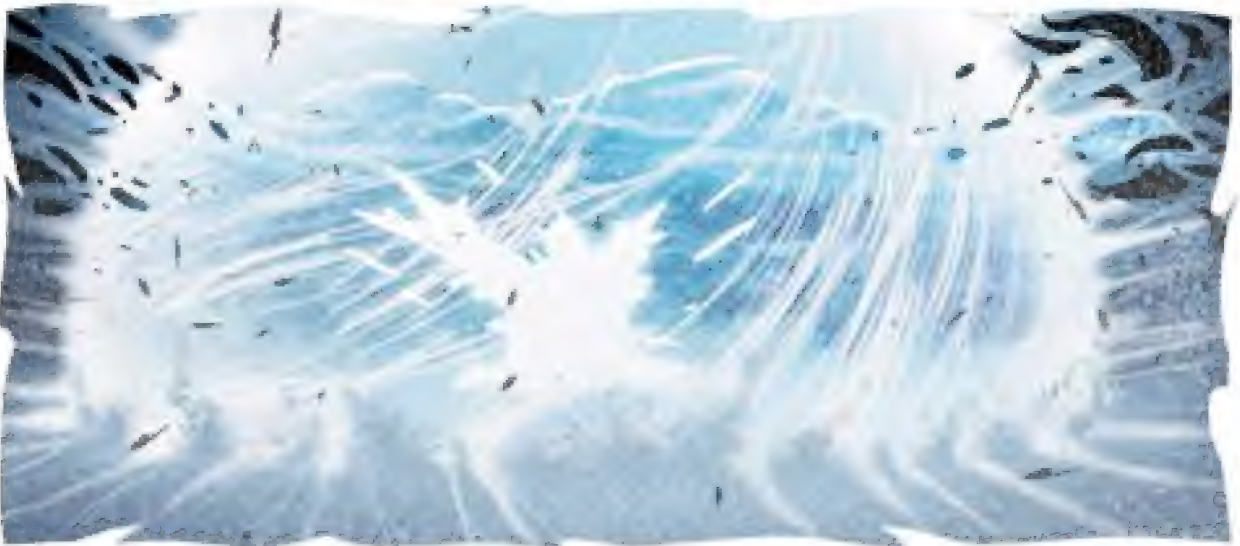


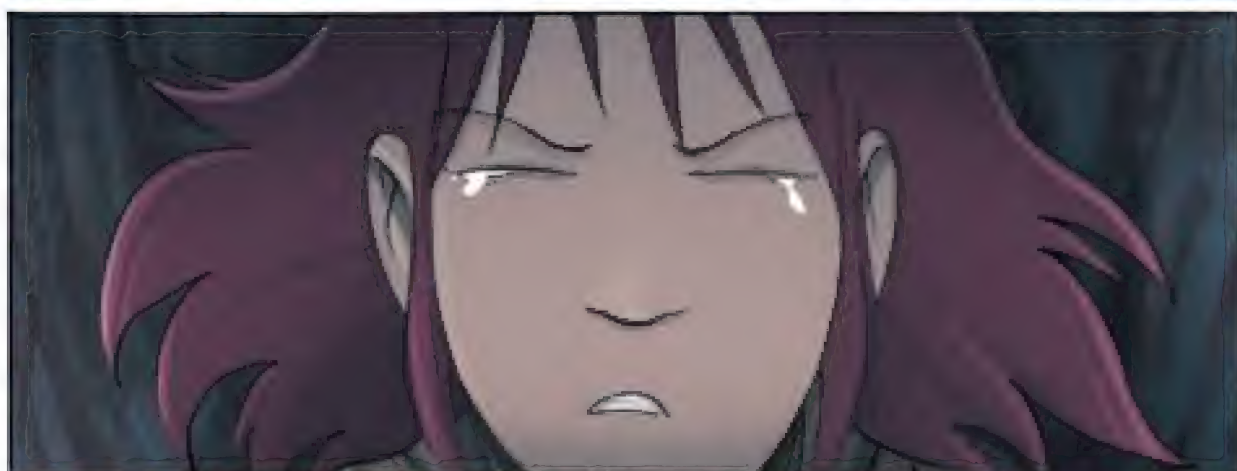
























WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE REST
OF THE
CONVOY?



WHEN YOU
FELL, THE ATTACK
SUBSIDED.

THE BEAST
FOLLOWED
YOU INTO THE
CLOUDS.



THEN WE
BETTER GET
MOVING BEFORE
IT COMES BACK.



ARE YOU
OKAY, ALY?!

THE BATTLE
IS MOVING TO
THE GROUND!



I'M FINE,
DAD.

IT'S ALL
CLEAR DOWN
HERE.



WE FOUND
THE GUARDIAN
COUNCIL AND
ARE HEADING
BACK TO YOU.

WE COULD USE
AN ESCORT BACK
TO THE SHIP.

I'LL SEND
TWO SILVERHAWKS
TO COVER YOU.
JUST FLY SAFE.

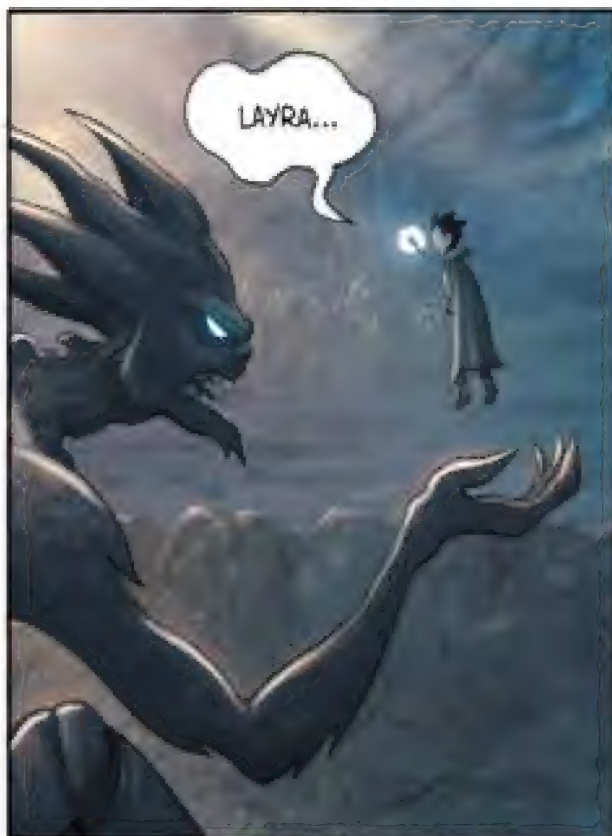




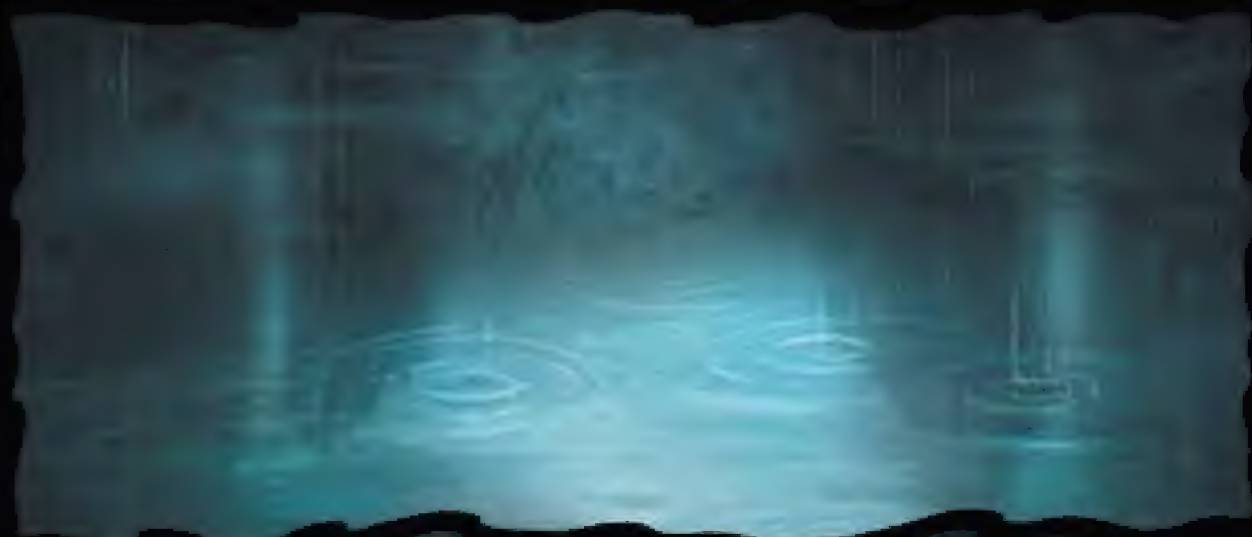




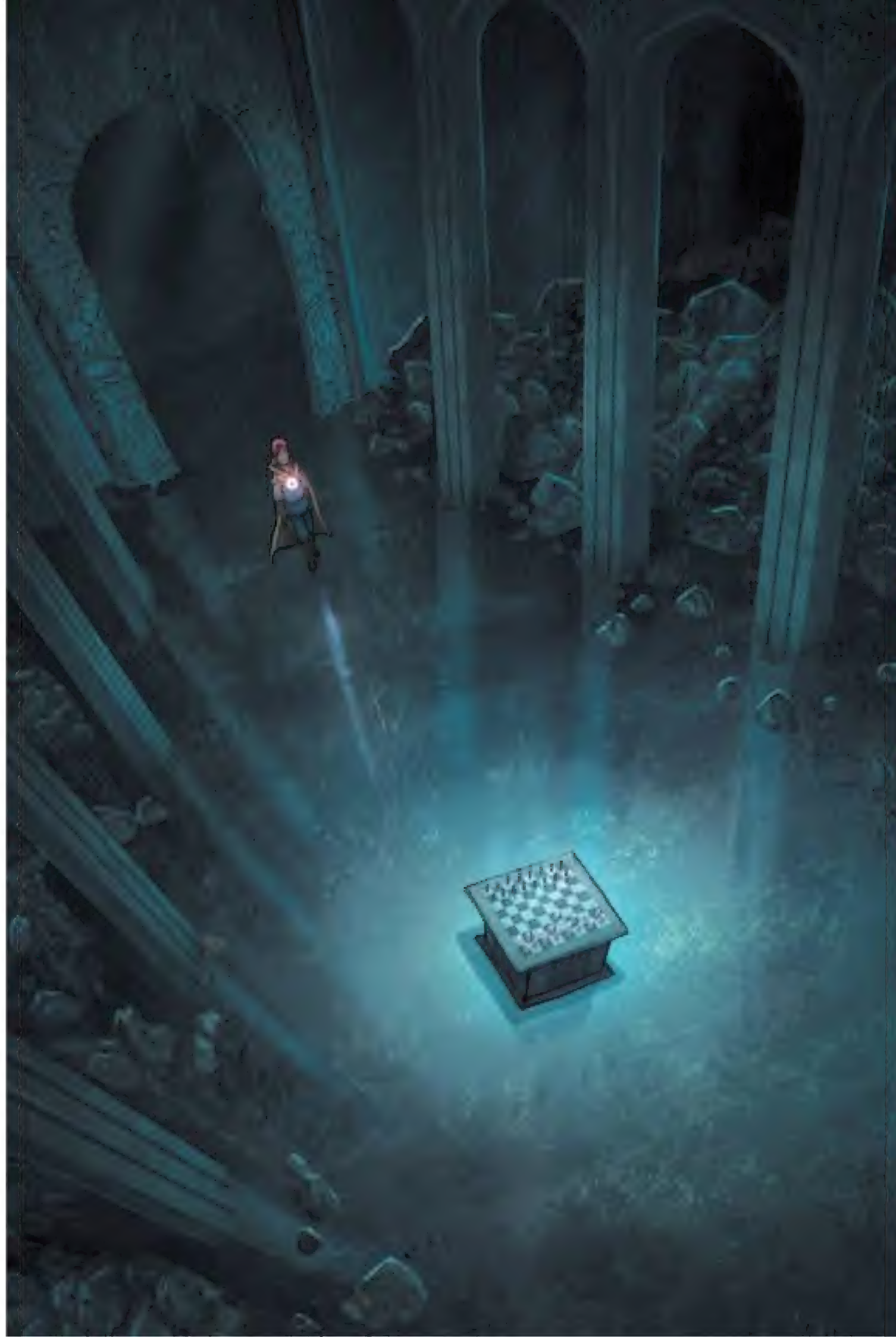











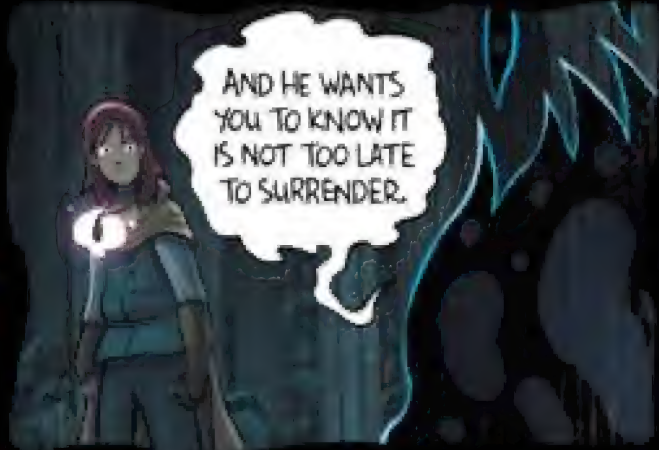










MY MASTER
BELIEVES YOU
ARE BETTER OFF
JOINING HIM IN
THIS FIGHT.




AND HE WANTS
YOU TO KNOW IT
IS NOT TOO LATE
TO SURRENDER.



SO, WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
STONEKEEPER?



HWEEEEE!!



SZWIK!

POP!









FINE.



LET'S
PLAY.

END OF BOOK FIVE



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